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Work in this field, family law, primarily consists of changing family law to keep pace with developments in society at large. One of the guiding principles of family law is to act in the best interests of the child. Another important task is participation in legislative cooperation within the EU and in other international forums.

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